



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The Department of Natural Resources "Nootka Timber Sale" (Agreement No. 30-074263) contains seven (7) uneven-aged harvest units and right-of-way totaling 213 acres. It will also include 13,800 feet of road construction, 1,500 feet of temporary roads, 23,000 feet of road maintenance, and 10,000 feet of road abandonment. Based on information provided by the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) and the landowner, this site contains a registered archaeological site. FPA #2910450.

Description of mitigation:

1. Any optional or temporary road construction, will be abandoned to current Forest Practices standards (WAC 222-24).
2. One isolated culturally modified tree (CMT) was found and will be protected with a 10 meter radius buffer. Felling and yarding will be away from the CMT.
3. This application will comply with the conditions outlined in the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service review statement (dated June 11, 2003; USFS File No: 2370-CD-03-02-S).
4. The proponent has contacted the affected Tribe in order to develop a protection plan. The plan developed by the proponent and affected Tribe will be followed.
5. If an archaeological site or artifacts are discovered during the harvest activity, the Tribal Archaeologist(s) will be notified immediately. The operation will halt in the vicinity of the site until a protection plan can be developed between the tribe and the landowner.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources
Pacific Cascade Region – Product Sales Program
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Contact Person: Eric Wisch

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The project site is located in portions of Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, and 34 of Township 3 North, Range 7 East and a portion of Section 9 of Township 2 North, Range 7 East, W.M., Skamania County, Washington.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[] There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

[X] This Mitigated DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from September 10, 2004 Comments must be submitted by September 24, 2004.

Responsible official: Charles W. Turley

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Date 9/7/04
There is no agency NEPA appeal.

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